

1. An emergency services patient transport board comprising:

a. a generally rectangular member defining an essentially flat upper surface on which a patient lies, a lower surface, a foot end and a head end;

5 b. at least one restraining member secured to said rectangular member for securing a patient thereon;

c. a foot support mounted on said upper surface of said rectangular member at said foot end thereof, said foot support normally extending essentially perpendicular to said upper surface when a patient is supported on said rectangular member;

10 d. an opposed pair of rail members mounted on said lower surface of said longitudinal member extending parallel to its longitudinal axis, one end of each said rail member terminating adjacent said foot end of said rectangular member; and

e. a skid plate mounted on said lower surface of said rectangular member at said foot end to define a supporting surface when said patient transport board is in a substantially vertical
15 orientation.

2. The patient transport board of claim 1 wherein said foot support is pivotally mounted on said upper surface of said rectangular member for movement between a folded position on said upper surface and an extended position essentially perpendicular to said upper surface, said foot support pivoting about an axis normal to the longitudinal axis of said rectangular member
20 thereby to provide a support platform for the patient when said patient transport board is substantially vertically oriented.

3. The patient transport board of claim 2 wherein said foot support is spring loaded and

normally urged by said spring into said folded position.

4. The patient transport board of claim 1 wherein said rail members are pivotally mounted on said lower surface of said rectangular member for movement between a folded position on said lower surface and an extended position extending substantially perpendicular to said lower surface, said rail members pivoting about an axis parallel to the longitudinal axis of said
5 rectangular member.

5. The patient transport board of claim 4 further including a support plate pivotally mounted on said lower surface at said head end of said rectangular member for pivotal movement between a folded position on said lower surface and an extended position essentially normal thereto, said
10 support plate pivoting about an axis normal to the longitudinal axis of said rectangular member.

6. The patient transport board of claim 4 wherein said foot support and said support plate extend between said rail members and support said rail members in the extended position.

15 7. The patient transport board of claim 1 further including a flexible cord attached at one end to each corner of said rectangular member, each said cord having a gripping handle attached to the opposite end.

8. The patient transport board of claim 1 wherein an axle and wheel assembly is secured at
20 said one end of each said rail member terminating adjacent said foot end of said rectangular member.

9. The patient transport board of claim 1 wherein an opposed pair of track assemblies are affixed to said rectangular member at the foot end thereof for movement of said patient transport board over uneven surfaces when said patient transport board is essentially vertically oriented.
- 5 10. The patient transport board of claim 9 wherein each said track assembly comprises a front and rear bogey wheel on which is supported an endless track, said track assembly further comprises an axle for each said bogey wheel, a tie rod extending between said axles and a suspension bar connected to said tie rod and to said rectangular member.
- 10 11. The patient transport board of claim 10 wherein a suspension bar is journaled in each edge of said rectangular member adjacent said foot end thereof for rotation about an axis normal to the longitudinal axis of said rectangular member whereby each said track assembly pivots independently of the other.
- 15 12. The patient transport board of claim 10 wherein a single suspension bar is pivotally affixed to said lower surface of the rectangular member adjacent said foot end thereof for rotation about an axis normal to the longitudinal axis of said rectangular member whereby said track assemblies pivot simultaneously.
- 20 13. The patient transport board of claim 10 wherein said suspension rod is affixed to the board and said track assemblies are pivotally connected to said suspension rod for pivoting about an axis normal to the axis of said suspension rod.

14. The patient transport board of claim 1 further including at least one opposed pair of slots located along opposite lateral edges of the board and a restraining strap extending therethrough for securing a patient on said rectangular member.

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15. Apparatus for converting a patient transport board to an emergency patient transport board capable of transporting a patient in the horizontal orientation and an essentially vertical orientation, said apparatus comprising:

a frame member comprising a pair of spaced apart longitudinal members, the spacing
 10 between said longitudinal members being sufficient to receive a patient transport board, upper and lower transverse members, a rail member pivotally mounted on each said longitudinal members for pivoting about an axis parallel to the axis of said longitudinal member for movement between a retracted position and an extended position, said lower transverse member being pivotally affixed to said longitudinal members for pivoting about an axis perpendicular to
 15 said longitudinal members for movement between a folded position essentially parallel to said longitudinal members and an extended position substantially normal to said longitudinal members to define a supporting surface for a patient when a patient transport board is received between said longitudinal members and said board and frame are in an essentially vertical orientation, said upper transverse member being pivotally mounted for movement about an axis
 20 perpendicular to said longitudinal members for movement between a folded position essentially parallel to said longitudinal members and an extended position substantially normal to said longitudinal members between said rail members when said rail members are in the extended position thereby to support said rail members in the extended position.

16. The apparatus of claim 15 further including at least one restraining strap extending between said longitudinal members and secured thereto

17. The apparatus of claim 15 further including a generally rectangular member having a flat
5 upper surface secured between said longitudinal members and said upper and lower transverse members.